THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) During the year 1998-99 and also earlier there were some reports that certain villages got de-electrified due to natural calamities and/or theft of conductors etc. in Bihar. For rehabilitation of such villages, 309 schemes were sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation for rehabilitation work of 10,930 villages based on the allocation made by the Planning Commission. Rs. 46.88 crores were also released to Bihar State Electricity Board and they have reported completion of rehabilitation work in 5422 villages. As per data collected from Bihar State Electricity Board as on 31.3.1996, about 14,400 villages which were earlier declared electrified, were subsequently, de-electrified. Suspecting misappropriation of funds, matter has been taken up with the C.B.I.

Allocation of unallocated Power to Kerala

736. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has taken decision on allocation of unallocated power from Central Generation station in the Southern Region in such a way that Kerala share of unallocated power was reduced to zero percent;

(b) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested for a review of the above decision; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The allocation of power out of unallocated quota of central generating stations is reviewed from time to time keeping in view the relative power shortages in the constituent states of the region and also to meet the emergent/seasonal requirements of the states in the region. The power supply position in the Southern Region was reviewed by the Central Electricity Authority in December, 1999. Based on the CEA's review, power supply position in Kerala is expected to be comfortable during February, 2000 to June, 2000 as compared to higher shortages in the other states of the Southern Region. Accordingly, the allocation to Kerala has been reduced from *5%* (22 MW) to 'Nil'. Government of Kerala has requested for a review of the decision.